

MEMORANDUM

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THROUGH: Peter Kwiatkowski, Section Administrator, Resource Evaluation

FROM: SFWMD Staff Water Supply Advisory Team

DATE: January 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Water Supply Report

District-wide Conditions

Surface and groundwater levels showed mixed trends throughout the District over the last week. About 95% of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) real-time wells in the Kissimmee Basin (KB) within the District boundaries are at median levels or higher for this time of year. The wells in the northern portion of the KB are mostly completed in the Floridan aquifer and the wells in southern KB in the surficial aquifer system. Surface and groundwater levels decreased in about 40% of the Kissimmee Basin stations.

Stages in the Upper East Coast (UEC) canals C-23, C-24, and C-25 are 21.67, 20.63, and 22.01 feet, all above the fourteen feet agricultural cut-off. About 85% of UEC surficial aquifer stations are at median or higher levels, with the remainder in the lower percentile ranges for this time of year. About half of the Lower East Coast stations recorded decreasing water levels over the last seven days. All but two of the Biscayne aquifer wells are at median levels and higher for this time of year. Groundwater levels are on the low side in the C-111 Basin.

Groundwater levels decreased in about 20% of the Lower West Coast (LWC) stations since last week. About 75% the surficial aquifer and Lower Tamiami wells are at median levels and higher for this time of year. All the Sandstone aquifer wells are in the median and higher ranges. All the Mid-Hawthorn aquifer monitor wells increased since last week; however, about 60% of these wells are in the lower percentile ranges, with the remainder recording median to upper percentile range water levels for this time of year. **Figure 1** summarizes current conditions.

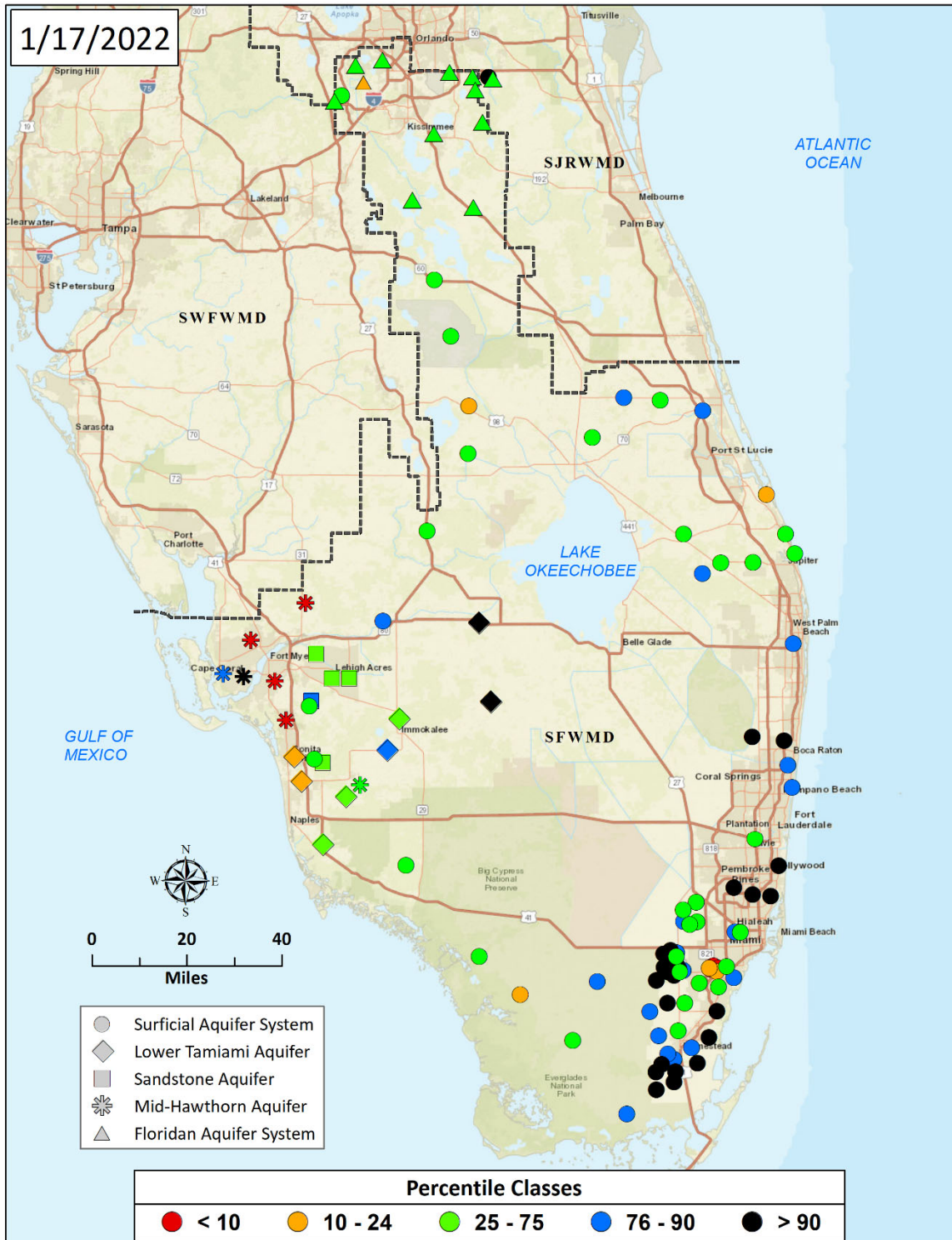


Figure 1. Real-Time Groundwater Level Map

Water Supply Technical Input to LORS2008

The Palmer Index for Lake Okeechobee (LOK) Tributary Conditions was -1.77 on January 17, 2022 and is classified as “dry,” and is in the “moderate” risk category for water supply. The LOK stage for the next two months is projected to be in the Low Sub-band, and the risk to water supply is categorized as “moderate.” The Climate Prediction Center’s (CPC) Precipitation Outlook is projected as “below normal” for one month and “below normal” for three months, leaving the one-month outlook in the “moderate” risk category and three-month outlook in the “high” risk category. The LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is in the “extremely dry” category and is in the “high” risk category. The LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Forecast is in the “normal” range with “moderate” risk to water supply. The stages in WCA 1, WCA 2A and WCA 3A are above line 1 and are in the “low” risk category. Year-Round Irrigation Rule is in effect for the LEC Service Areas. All Service Areas are in the “low” risk category for water supply. **Figure 2** summarizes the water supply risk indicators.

LORS2008 Implementation on 1/17/2022 (ENSO Condition- La Nina Watch):

NOTE: PDI and Lake Okeechobee stage values for the week did not update correctly by date of publication. Calculations were done using most recent available data.

Status for week ending 1/17/2022:

Water Supply Risk Evaluation

Area	Indicator	Value	Color Coded Scoring Scheme
LOK	Projected LOK Stage for the next two months	Low Sub-band	M
	Palmer Drought Index for LOK Tributary Conditions	-1.77 (Dry) (last updated 01/09/2022)	M
	CPC Precipitation Outlook	1 month: Below Normal	M
		3 months: Below Normal	H
	LOK Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	-0.34 ft	H
	ENSO Forecast	Extremely Dry	H
	LOK Multi-Seasonal Net Inflow Outlook	2.03 ft	M
	ENSO Forecast	Normal	M
WCAs	WCA 1: 3 Station Average (Sites 1-7, 1-8T and 1-9)	Above Line 1 (17.19 ft)	L
	WCA 2A: Site 2-17	Above Line 1 (12.46 ft)	L
	WCA-3A: 3 Station Average (Sites 63, 64, and 65)	Above Line 1 (9.77 ft)	L
LEC	Service Area 1	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 2	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L
	Service Area 3	Year-Round Irrigation Rule in effect	L

Note: The water supply risk classification based on the Palmer index, as well as the LOK seasonal and multi-seasonal net inflow outlooks use slightly different classification intervals than those used by the 2008-LORS.

Figure 2. Water Supply Risk Indicators